

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – Disciplinary action initiated against Sri S. Kesava Chandra former Deputy Range Officer(Retd) Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range Vizianagaram Division along with others – Inquiry completed – Findings of I.O. received – Provisional decision to recover the Govt. loss of Rs.17,880/- from the pensionary benefits - Issue of Show-Cause Notice – Explanation Called for - Expired on 23.10.2013 – Recovery of an amount of Rs.17,880/- from DCRG of the deceased Charged Officer– Orders - Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 97.

Dated:15-12-2014.

Read the following:-

1. From the PCCF Ref.No.9187/2003/K1, Dt.26.04.2013.
2. Govt. Memo. No. 4333/For.IV/A1/2013-2, dt.06.01.2014.
3. From PCCF Ref. No. 9187/2003/Vig-2, Dt.07-08-2014.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that, disciplinary action has been initiated against Sri S. Kesava Chandra former Deputy Range Officer(Retd) Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range Vizianagaram Division along with others vide PCCF Ref.No.4055/2003/M8, dt:03-03-2004 on the following count:

Article: That the said Sri. S. Kesava Chandra, while working as Dy. Range Officer, Bobbili section , Parvathipuram Range from 06-09-2001 to date had exhibited gross neglect of duty and shown lack of devotion to duty and charged un-necessary expenditure of Rs.1,47,190/- for the A.O.F.F.P E.A.S., NTFP-III and RIDF-V works during 2001-02 and 2002-03 on coppicing, Pruning and Multiple shoot cutting operations in the year or raising and also for maintenance of Plantation resulted in unnecessary expenditure to a tune of Rs.1,47,190/- to the Government exchequer and thereby contravened Rule – 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

2. The Charged Officer has acknowledged the Article of Charge on 23-03-2004 and submitted his explanation dt:15-11-2006. Not satisfied with the explanation of the Charged Officer, the Divisional Forest Officer, Vizianagaram who has been appointed as Inquiry Officer, has conducted the inquiry and submitted his findings concluding that the charge framed against Sri S. Kesava Chandra, Deputy Range Officer is not proved. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, in his remarks has informed that, as per the report of the Conservator of Forests, the charged officer is liable for recovery of an amount of Rs.17,880/- from his pensionary benefits.

3. Sri S. Kesava Chandra, former Deputy Range Officer Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range Vizianagaram Division has retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on the A.N. of **31-05-2006**. Hence, the disciplinary proceedings are continued under Rule 9 (2) of APRP Rules, 1980.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter with reference to the findings of the Inquiry Officer, remarks of the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests and material made available observe that the charge framed against the Charge Officer, is held not proved. However, he is liable for recovery of an amount of Rs.17,880/-. Hence, it was provisionally decided to recover the unnecessary expenditure of Rs.17,880/- from the pensionary benefits of Sri S. Kesava Chandra, former Deputy Range Officer Bobbili Section, Parvathipuram Range Vizianagaram Division under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 and to drop further action against him. Accordingly a show Cause Notice was issued to the Charged Officer.

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5. In the reference 3rd read above, the Prl.CCF, A.P. Hyderabad has submitted the representation of Smt. S.Nagamani W/o Late Sri S. Kesava Chandra Deputy Range Officer(Retd) in which she has stated that, her husband Sri S. Kesava Chandra, Deputy Range Officer who retired on 31-05-2006 expired on 23-10-2013. While enclosing a copy of death certificate etc, she has given her willingness to recover an amount of Rs.17,880/- from the pensionary benefits of her late husband.

6. The matter has been examined by the Government in the light of the sub-rule (7) (a) of rule 9 of the A. P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as mentioned in G.O.Ms.No.85, Fin&Plg. (FW.Pen-I) Dept., dt 12.7.1999 and under the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.995 Finance (Pen.I) Dept dt 21.12.2002. The Government here by order to recover an amount of Rs.17,880/- from DCRG of the deceased Charged Officer.

7. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests is directed to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

S.P. SINGH
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests., A.P. Hyderabad.
Legal heirs of late Sri S. Kesava Chandra Deputy Range Officer (Retired & Expired)
(through Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.)

Copy to

The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P. Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER